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**Status Report****September 18, 2006****Project name:** Watercourse Rules Streamlining, 2006**Project Type:** Regulatory Action

The proposed regulation to modifies rules for watercourses with threatened or impaired values (T&I). The proposal includes provisions for sample designation of T&I watercourse boundaries, and limiting T&I forestry regulations to streams where anadromous salmoinds are present or can be feasibly restored. The regulation would provide regulatory relief to those planning and implementing timber harvest plans.

Status: Following a public hearing on July 12, 2006, the Board took action to amend the proposed sections 916(e) pertaining to sample marking in watercourses, and section 916.6 pertaining to harvesting trees in watercourses under and an Emergency Notice. The Board also acted to a change to the expiration date of the regulation in section 916.9 (z) to December 31, 2007. At this meeting the Board directed staff to consult with DFG on potential amendments to the 916.9 (f) pertaining to waiver of T/I rules for stream reaches above barriers.

On September 14, 2006, following consultation with DFG, the amendments to section 916.9 (f) pertaining the waiving the T/I regulations for streamreaches above barriers to anadromy were not adopted.

The above actions were documented in a 15-Day notice of public hearing which will be held on October 4, 2006, in Sacramento.

Milestone and Timeline:

- Staff to incorporate amendments to regulation proposal and publish a 15- Day notice of public hearing for October 4,, 2006.
- Board acts to adopt/amend/reject any or all proposals noticed in a 15 day notice of rulemaking.

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